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1. \boxtimes This communication is responsive to $\underline{\textit{the amendment filed}}$	d 7/30/04.	
2. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>4</u> .		
3. \boxtimes The drawings filed on <u>14 January 2002</u> are accepted by t	he Examiner.	
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority of a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority of International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: ☐ Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDON THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. 5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be substituted in the substitute of the priority of the priority of the complex of the priority of the priority of the complex of the priority of the substitute of the priority of the complex of the priority of	ve been received. ve been received in Application occuments have been received. " of this communication to file MENT of this application. mitted. Note the attached EXA ves reason(s) why the oath or just be submitted. rson's Patent Drawing Review	n No I in this national stage application from the a reply complying with the requirements MINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF declaration is deficient.
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR
 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ronald Kachmarik on 8/17/04.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

- 3. In claim 4, lines 8 and 9 delete ", means (19) for closing the branches,".
- 4. Cancel claim 5.
- 5. Claim 4 is allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims are allowed for the reasons given in paragraph 11 of the Office Action mailed 3/12/04.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **John L. Goff** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1216**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:15 AM - 3:45 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (571) 272-1156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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